



2008 SPIRITHOUSE PINOT NOIR

Winemaker's Tasting Notes

There was a lot of buzz about the greatness of the Oregon 2008 vintage, and this wine is the proverbial proof in the pudding. This youthful wine slowly opens in the glass, first showing off rich spice, delicate oak, and cigar box, then unwinding to let lush dark Bing cherry come to the forefront. On the palate, this wine is like drinking velvet—soft, rich, and luxurious. Flavors reminiscent of red current jam, fresh picked Damson plum, warm forest berry cobbler with a dollop of vanilla bean, and light brushed-leather notes. With so many nuances combined with a clean streak of acidity, this is a wine that will reward for years and years to come.

Winemaker's Production Notes

The 2008 growing season was a “late bloomer”. A very dry, cold Spring delayed flowering until July rather than the traditional June time frame. August brought needed rainfall—more rain in August than any one month of March, April or May. As usually happens, the predicted rain in October was called off, and dry Indian Summer weather took hold. Ripening and picking occurred at a nice even pace. Our last day of picking was October 29th.

Wine Production Stats

Varietals: 100% Oregon Pinot Noir
Vineyard: Knudsen
AVA: Dundee Hills
Alcohol: 14.0%
Bottled: March 2010
Cases Produced: 700
Winemaker: Rollin Soles and Andrew Davis